



Quarterly Gazette
of the
Howard Composite Squadron
Civil Air Patrol

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"State of the Squadron" at the New Year

Our unit has met most of its goals for the year with regard to training, promotions, membership, and records. We hoped to have thirty active cadet members by years end, and at last count about twenty eight hardy souls can be so classified. We hoped to be seeing two promotions per cadet per year, and, while there is much room for improvement, the cadets newest to the program are upholding this standard. Our representation at wing training activities is about fifty "person-days" for the year, and the local Emergency Services course continues to break new ground. After an odyssey of many months our files actually have a home and are sensible to a casual observer. If we had a van we could actually use all this capability for more than cleaning roads.

New Web Page

The current web page is "<http://hcs.mdwg.cap.gov/index.html>" and our "contest" for graphic input is still very much open. Original contributions that can be used as a headline banner must contain the title "Howard Composite Squadron" and be either "gif", "tiff", or "jpg" files. The banner should absorb no more than about 1/3 of the page. Other graphics are equally welcome for the "activities" pages.

Promotions

Cadets: C/2Lt to S. Devito; C/Sgt (Wright Bros) to D. Proffen & P. Morton; C/A1c (Arnold) to D. Kinnaman, B. Maxfield, D. Proffen, D. Renninger & D. Steciak; C/A (Curry) to J. Craig, A. Fenner, S. Haack, & A. Procopio.

Awards

MEMBERSHIP RIBBON to S/M J. Sundberg & M. Kennedy

GODDARD RIBBON to C/MSgt S. Taylor

COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON to C/A1c J. Abramowitz & S. Sines

Activities

Service: Our highway cleanup outing was very well attended – who didn't go? After a vigorous and safe morning's work many a nasty bag was piled beside the road. Adding to that success was a bivouac and a 10 point orienteering course covering a couple of acres, graciously hosted by the Procopios.

Training: Our primary training opportunity this quarter was the Wing Emergency Services weekend in November where First Aid/ Blood Borne Pathogen training was obtained for R. Terry, J. Sundberg B. Terry, and L. Harding. Communication training was attended by R. Whitehead and R. Terry, while the eight hour ground team course was endured by M. Kennedy.

Finally, our citation for Quarterly Order of the WingNut goes to C/MSgt Brendon Terry whose declination error at McKeldin showed him to a ridge parallel to the one he expected to traverse! What's 20 degrees among friends, anyway.

